

# LEADING CITIZENS IN PRAISE OF SUBWAY IDEA

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### SUBWAY SCHEME IS DISCUSSED

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## WELL KNOWN FARMER SPEAKS ON ECONOMIC SITUATION

### FUNDAMENTAL CONDITIONS ARE SOUND

George Wilbur Speaks to Chicago Business Men in Hopeful Way

(SPECIAL TO THE TIMES) CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Today the farmer receives only 14 cents for the calf hide which enters in a \$12 pair of shoes, and the skilled workman gets \$1.50 for making them, so that the cost of the shoe is over \$10.

A big strong man cannot pack enough steer hides into a shoe shop today to pay for one pair of shoes.

An ordinary bag of wool weighs 200 pounds and one man cannot handle it. If he could the entire lot would not buy a suit of tailored clothes, weighing 34 pounds.

TO PAY HOTEL BILL It takes four bushels of my corn at present country prices to pay for my hotel bill here for two days.

I could not carry into one of your third floors enough chickens to purchase a glass of soda water.

Dark Virginia tobacco of a good grade is down as low as a cent a pound, as testified before the senate agricultural committee.

LITTLE PROFIT IN SHEEP Two thousand sheep sold recently in a Chicago stockyard, and netted the shipper only 34 cents a head.

A furniture salesman told recently of two trips he made from Toledo to Detroit. In May, taking two days to do it, he booked \$25,000 in orders. In November, his business over the same route amounted to just \$23.75.

The average farmer in America has not made as much this entire season as the average coal miner has in one day.

Idaho hay, along the lines of the Union Pacific, can't be marketed because the freight rate is almost equal to the selling price in Omaha. Adding the cost of baling and hauling to the selling price, the cost has exceeded the value of the hay at the Missouri river markets. The hay stays in Idaho while the railroad hauls empty cars past these ranches and loses all revenue.

MAY BE IN NEXT CABINET Thus George M. Wilbur, Marquette, O., farmer who may be called into the next United States cabinet as secretary of agriculture, pictured rural conditions today to Chicago business men in an address delivered Wednesday noon at the Association of Commerce luncheon at the Hotel La Salle. His subject was "Country Economy vs. City Extravagance."

Declaring that spending orgies of city people are bound to cease, as already is the case in the country, Mr. Wilbur insisted that he can see health coming back to business. He said that its return will be hastened by general adoption of a get-to-work policy, practice of economy to the same degree as before the war and the turning of money to the support of legitimate enterprises.

FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT "Fundamental conditions are sound," he asserted. "Government crop reports scarcely a week old tell of yields approximating records in almost every line. The current argument for a bright future is the prevailing sense of confinement among all classes."

"What we must remember is that no amount of work or talk at Washington, where recently elected officials will take charge soon, can solve the situation unless you and I do our full share. If we produce more, sell at a narrower margin, recognize that certain losses are inevitable and therefore the sooner accepted the sooner ended, by the time the violets bloom in the spring, you will be back in the swing of commercial activity and reasonable earnings which will make the next few years ones of happiness and success for all."

WHERE HE EATS "To the extent that the middleman performs a necessary service, he is an aid to business. When he does not add to the value of the commodity he handles or the convenience by which he reaches the consumer, he becomes a liability. Then he should be eliminated."

Retail business men were admonished that some of them are entirely wrong in calculations that they will be able to go on at a profit or at least without loss. "Labor too, must swing into line, avoid useless expenditures and be willing to work for wages that employers can afford to pay," added Mr. Wilbur.

GOODYEAR CASE OUT OF COURTS (INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 22.—Judge Edmund M. Kinkead today sustained the motion to dismiss the summons and upheld the demurrer filed by attorneys for the Goodyear Rubber company of Akron in the suit brought by Frank S. Monnett, former attorney-general of Ohio, asking for a receiver for the company and a writ restraining any further borrowing of money. The action throws the case out of court.

PARKER IS SENTENCED (SPECIAL TO THE TIMES) CROWN POINT, Ind., Dec. 22.—Edgar H. Parker of Detroit, who was convicted of smuggling liquor into Gary was today sentenced to 60 days in the penal farm and fined \$100 and costs.

### Did You Hear That

OF course everybody has noticed the marked lengthening of the days since Tuesday.

E. W. ANDREWS is the pioneer in bringing bread back to 11 and 15 cents a loaf in Hammond.

ORANGES and grapefruit are selling at lower prices in the local markets than they have sold for several years.

DOC. ANDY WIDKOWSKI, Hammond's witch healer, winds up a fifteen days sojourn at the county jail tomorrow.

IN addition to his Hammond activities, Doc. Sharrer is branching out and is also a stockholder in the Gary Trust & Savings Bank.

E. G. SPIROAT is taking no chances on slipping this year and has caused to be made for himself a pair of anti-slip anti-slush kicks.

CAPT. J. H. VAN HOOK of the federal spengeman, is enjoying a brief vacation from his task of supervising the apprehension of bootleggers.

A HASTINGS Express truck last night backed into the ornamental light post in front of the Army Store on State street, breaking it to pieces.

H. R. SCHNEIDER, the restaurateur, has been ill at his rooms with the influenza for the past few days, but his condition is not regarded as serious.

DEPUTY Revenue Collector George Stethorn of Indianapolis, is back at Hammond this week caring for the local office while Dave Lavengood enjoys a vacation.

MAN notes that the price of wives in Central Africa has gone up from four to eight cows and says that in this country it takes a great deal of bull to win a wife.

AT the next session of the city council a new member will be appointed to the Library Board and already there is some jockeying to have favorite candidates appointed.

A MOVEMENT has been started to have the ornamental light on State st. changed to conform with the single lamp plan of Hohman st., Calumet ave. and East State street.

HAMMOND girl, on being asked by teacher, if humans descended from monkeys, what do monkeys descend from, answered: "Trees." And it wasn't such a stupid answer at that.

HAMMOND banker says that since Eddie Fitzgerald was nicked for his diamond stick pin, at least twenty people have called at his bank and deposited their rings and pins for safe keeping.

MANY married men have been called to the revenue office this week because of the fact that the reports filed by employers last year did not have a place on the blanks to indicate whether employees were married or single.

THE bemoaning effect of modern liquor on the human mind was shown this morning when George Farrell, 213 Sibley st., was fined \$11 in police court. Asked where he got the stuff, George explained: "Hanged if I know!"

TOMORROW is the day when A. C. Foles, Indiana Harbor's alleged speedster lawyer, is supposed to learn how Judge Klotz what disposition has been made of his case which has been before the city court for several weeks.

BRIGHT snappy weather today brought out the Christmas shoppers in droves and the stores all report heavy buying. "If we could only have had this weather during December," said one, "it would have been a record-breaker."

THE W. B. Conkey Co. has put out to patrons this year one of the handsomest and most novel calendars ever printed. The leading events of modern history are calendarized from month to month and the calendar is a mine of most valuable information.

ALDERMAN HECKLEMAN says that improvements in the city's water department should not be made until the people have taken a referendum vote on the expenditure at the next general election. Is there anyone in Hammond opposed to the improvement?

A COMPANY at Dayton, O., recently advertised street and afternoon dresses in a special sale. And the ad man made a mistake and illustrated the dress sale with a big cut showing two young ladies airily attired in union suits and nothing else.

SUP. GEORGE BLOCKIE of the water department favors an ordinance prohibiting the dumping of certain articles in the city sewers. Every day or so the pump of the Calumet avenue sewer is clogged by accumulations of things which should never have found their way there.

THIS is the latest "Tom Marshall" story to hit the loop. When Vice-President Marshall was a struggling lawyer in Indiana, a book agent entered his office one morning and undertook to sell him a new edition of the Bible. Marshall interrupted to ask who the author was. "W-h-y, this is the Bible," explained the agent. "I am fully aware of that," answer Marshall. "But I ask you who is the author?" The agent explained he was offering the Bible. "I know," Marshall said. "But who is the author?" Gathering up his samples, the book agent retreated to the door, then with one hand on the knob, turned around and shouted: "You pin-headed fool and blithering idiot, it's the Bible."

### NO DEPUTY SHERIFF STAR GOES NOW

Henceforth it's going to be bad business for a bootlegger or booze runner to attempt to pull off his nefarious business under the protection of a deputy sheriff's badge. It has been done repeatedly in the Calumet region but the end is in sight.

Capt. Van Hook who is in charge of the federal prohibition enforcement in northern Indiana made an announcement to that effect today in Hammond. His statement was issued following the receipt of a letter from District Attorney Van Noy at Indianapolis in which the latter commented on having all cases against such offenders filed direct in the federal court.

Of late the majority of liquor law violation cases in which federal agents have made the arrests have been tried in the state courts.

At least four arrests have been made in the region in which the offenders were sporting deputy sheriff's badges. In one instance a soft drink proprietor who was selling hard liquor had a badge. He said that he feared his place would be held up and in order to carry a gun it was necessary for him to take a deputy's commission from the sheriff.

During the early fall a man was arrested who had been importing liquor under protection of his badge. He had been selling it to smaller dealers and promising them protection also. This man made a complete confession of his methods and those employed by others when he was bought over to the federal grand jury. However, he did only a short time ago before his case could be heard at Indianapolis.

So much trouble has been caused federal agents by these masquerading deputies that no more such attempts against them will be attempted in the state courts. All arrested in the future will face Judge Anderson. The greatest spirit of co-operation exists between the federal men and the sheriff's office but men who have gained possession of badges under various pretexts have been causing no end of trouble.

GARY MALES VISIT BEAUTY SHOPS

Yes, They Have Their Hair Marcelled and Their Eyebrows Plucked

Miss Pearl McKay had to laugh. Then she repeated the question asked of her by the visitor: "Do male Garyites have their hair marcelled, their eyebrows plucked and their faces massaged?" You bet they do and business is improving, too, she added.

A reporter from the Gary Times, observing recently a story in a Chicago newspaper to the effect that men in the Windy City were drolling up—primping as it were—decided that he would investigate in Gary. He found conditions in the "Gary Beauty Parlor" world almost identical to that in Chicago.

Miss McKay was the first approached. She is the manager and owner of the Marjorie Shop in the Reynolds building. She told the following story to THE TIMES reporter:

"Men have been coming in the shop for some time, but of late business is improving. Say, I'd hate to lose my male patients. They have their hair marcelled, but of course, I give them a shampoo," she said.

"But," queried the reporter. "Do they really have their eyebrows plucked?" "Well," she started again. "I would not exactly call it that. We have an electrical system of removing the superfluous hairs. A man's eyebrows should be of uniform breadth; they should not be wide in front any more than they should be narrow at the extreme corner. So far that reason our business is increasing."

"And when do they have this work done?" queried the inquisitive one. "Oh, they make their appointments in the evening around seven or eight p. m.," she replied. And as the reporter left she called out: "Say, don't say anything bad about my masculine customers. I'd hate to lose them."

The reporter did not. So you see Gary fellows in the wake of the metropolis on Lake Michigan D'n have your hair marcelled today yet, George?

NEW LYNCHING IN TEXAS TOWN

FORT WORTH, Tex., Dec. 23.—The identity of 25 armed and masked white men who last night entered the Tarrant county jail, seized and lynched Thomas W. Vickery, slayer of a policeman, remained a mystery today. The hanging occurred at midnight last night, the body being found swinging from a tree in a grove near the edge of the city.

Vickery surrendered to officers Monday night, following the shooting to death of Patrolman Jeff Couch, while on his beat. The latter had been called to a garage by a disturbance, said to have been caused by a drunken man. Later Vickery appeared, whipped out a revolver and fired seven shots into the officer's body. It is said.

Alderman Dawson of Niles City, a suburb, was arrested in connection with the shooting and is now free on bond.

TURKEY HAVING HER TROUBLES

(Special Cable to the L. N. S. and to the London Daily Express) CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 23.—A serious commercial crisis is hampering business in Turkey. Several large firms have suspended payments on account of the stoppage of supplies from Anatolia, where the Russian bolsheviks have been buying heavily. Supplies there are practically exhausted. It is said, Turkey, therefore, is forced to buy in other quarters at greatly enhanced prices.

HURRY BOYS

Our stock of Johnston's & Whitman's candles is going down fast. Better get yours now or you may be disappointed. Nelson's Drug Store. 12-22-3

### CHICAGO'S NEW CURFEW LAW

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Father Dearborn's children are to be put to bed hereafter at 1 o'clock each morning.

Chief of Police Charles H. Homan has given orders to his force to put in effect immediately a stringent 1 a. m. closing order designed to put a stop to early morning depredations by criminals and to prevent those lawlessly inclined from congregating in their accustomed haunts. All pool rooms, cabarets, theaters and other places of amusement must close promptly at that hour.

One hour of grace is allowed peddlers, taxicab drivers, etc., to reach their homes after the closing time. After 2 a. m. all persons found abroad on the streets will be subject to investigation by police as to their purpose.

Crossing Fatality at Ind. Harbor

Alvin Fisher, aged 55 years, employed as a chief chemist for the Dickey Manufacturing company, was killed last evening about 1 o'clock, while crossing the Michigan avenue crossing at Indiana Harbor.

Fisher, who has been staying at the Mohawk Hotel for several years had been over to a restaurant near the time office of the Inland Steel Company getting his supper and was on his way back to the hotel when the accident happened.

According to information received, Fisher failed to see that the gates were lowered and had just stepped across the tracks, when a fast Chicago passenger train howled in sight.

The engineer of the passenger train, owing to the darkness was unable to see Mr. Fisher until he was almost on top of him, making it almost impossible to apply the brakes in time to prevent an accident.

The force of the collision threw Mr. Fisher some distance. He was picked up and carried to the office of Dr. Boardman, a few doors away, who upon examination, found that the injured man had received a fracture of the skull.

An ambulance was sent for to take the injured man to the St. Margaret's hospital but his life had expired before arrival.

Papers and letters found in his pockets. Mr. Fisher's home is believed to be in East Butte, Mont.

BANKRUPTCY PETITION VS. MOTOR CO.

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 23.—An involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed in federal court today against the Reverse Motor Car Corporation of Logansport, by J. M. K. Gibbs, doing business as the Gibbs Service Co., the La Salle Steel Co. and the Steel Sales Co., all of Chicago, alleging the Reverse corporation owes more than \$450,000 and that its liabilities exceed its assets by more than \$150,000.

The corporation committed an act of bankruptcy in December by paying \$100 to the Chicago Decorative Letter Co. in preference over other creditors. It is alleged, and yesterday offered a settlement of 60 cents on the dollar to the Gibbs Co., to which it is indebted to the extent of \$2,569.72.

The corporation, however, was unable to raise the necessary \$1500, the petition states.

The corporation owes the LaSalle Steel Co. \$115 and the Steel Sales Co. \$47.56, according to the petition.

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### Steel Magnate Host To 400 Children

Clayton Mark to Have Youngsters at Xmas Party Tomorrow

Four hundred children of the Mark subdivision, Indiana Harbor, will be the guests at a Christmas party tomorrow afternoon at the community hall of the subdivision. Each child present will receive a gift and candy, fruit and nuts from Santa Claus.

The host at this affair, which probably will be the largest staged in Lake county, since the children are to be on hand, will be Clayton Mark of Chicago, chairman of the Steel and Tube company of America. Theodore Heim will be master of ceremonies.

The little guests are the children of employees of Mark plant of the Steel and Tube Company of America, and the party is an annual affair.

Master of Ceremonies Heim has arranged for an elaborate program to begin at three o'clock. The entertainment will be participated in by professional entertainers from Chicago, who will accompany Santa Claus to the subdivision. Some days ago Mr. Mark arranged with Santa to come to Indiana Harbor, and the gift dispenser said word that he would arrive promptly.

GRANT CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENCY

Contests Evident in State Agricultural Board Election

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 23.—Thomas Grant of Crown Point, a member of the executive committee of the state board of agriculture and former state senator, and S. L. Taylor of Boonville, vice president of the board, are talked of for the presidency of the board when it elects a successor to Samuel J. Miller of Indianapolis, Jan. 4.

Charles F. Kennedy, recording secretary; William F. Jones, Fairmount, financial secretary and treasurer, and Robert G. Porter, Indianapolis, superintendent, are candidates for reelection and, in the great two offices at least, no opposition has been in evidence.

The officers will be elected at a meeting to follow the general election earlier in the day when representatives of counties and district fairs in Indiana will elect the eight members who represent the even-numbered agriculture districts on the board. There are several lively contests under way for membership on the board. In some districts no opposition to reelection will be encountered, it is said.

ASKS NAMING OF GUARDIAN

(SPECIAL TO THE TIMES) WHITING, Ind., Dec. 23.—Henry Trowe of Whiting today filed a petition in the Hammond superior court to have a guardian appointed for his wife, Ella Trowe, who is now an inmate of Longcliffe asylum at Logansport, Ind. Trowe says that his wife became mentally unbalanced seven years ago and was committed to the asylum. In 1915 because of the fire which destroyed many of the buildings of the infirmary she was sent home, but was recommitted this year. The opinion of the superintendent is that she is incurable and for this reason the husband asks for the appointment of a guardian to look after her property. Green & Dwyer are acting as attorneys for Mr. Trowe in the matter.

TWO HAMMOND AUTOS MISSING

Two Hammond citizens lost their automobiles by theft yesterday. Carl Stankevich, 210 Calumet avenue, drove to South Chicago and left his five passenger Oldsmobile on Market place, near the bridge. When he returned it was gone. The license number was 26,704 Ind.

Miss Van Bodegraben, who stays at the Alice club in Hammond, owned a Ford runabout, license number 422-107 Ill. Yesterday morning at 8 o'clock she left it near the subway office at Gibson. At 4 o'clock in the evening when she was ready to return home from work she found it had been stolen. No one recalled seeing it when it was being driven away.

NEAR BILLION COLLECTED

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Revenues from income and excess profits taxes paid to collectors of internal revenue on Dec. 15, representing the fourth installment for the year, will exceed \$550,000,000 and probably will go as high as \$700,000,000. The internal revenue bureau was informed today in advices from collectors.

Revenue Commissioner Williams stated today that this is a splendid showing and refutes the impression that any considerable number of individuals were unable to meet their payments.

A tabulation will be prepared in a few days when revised reports are received from collectors, showing the returns by states.

### LEFT LITTLE MORE THAN ROLL-TOP

Loud is the Clamor Because Gary Ponzi Skips the Country

A roll-top desk, a couple of chairs, a small safe and a typewriter—that was the initial investment of John Von Sallegyl & Co., the Calumet region's latest emulators of the great Ponzi.

With this humble beginning at 1208 Adams street, Gary, the firm prospered until it had separated thousands of dollars from unsuspecting Gary residents of foreign birth. Then the bubble burst and Mr. Sallegyl slipped from sight. With him went the assets of the firm.

Sallegyl's little trick came to light with the filing of voluntary bankruptcy proceedings in the U. S. district court at Hammond by Nick Chirila, who had been taken in as the "company" of the firm occupied the position of "manager of the foreign exchange department." This was really the only department of the business that amounted to anything.

The company received money from foreigners to be sent to relatives in Europe. With their usual credulity when dealing with persons who are also of foreign extraction they turned large sums over to Sallegyl and Chirila. The coin went no farther than the coffers of the company, Chirila claims to have been an innocent tool of Sallegyl, who hastily left the country recently, leaving Chirila to hold the bag.

The bankruptcy petition, which was filed by Attorney M. N. Oppman of Gary lists debts of \$4,159.33, consisting of 23 claims of Gary residents, who turned money over to the company. These claims range in amount from \$4.80 up to \$449.68.

Chirila's assets are listed at \$164.50, and he claims the usual \$500 exemption so creditors see little in store for them. The assets consist of \$10 in cash, the office furniture and some household goods.

CROWN POINT POSTMASTER HAS RESIGNED

(SPECIAL TO THE TIMES) CROWN POINT, Ind., Dec. 23.—Peter J. Hein, postmaster here, has resigned the job to take effect January first and his resignation heralds a number of changes in Commercial bank circles. Mr. Hein will become assistant cashier of the bank and Fred Barr, who was assistant, will be made cashier. E. E. Cole has resigned his position to go with the Lake County Title and Guarantee Co., taking the place of Ed. J. Elver, who becomes deputy recorder. Sam Love president of the Commercial, is retiring because of ill health. It is reported that F. Y. Wheeler, editor of the Lake County Star will be Crown Point's next postmaster.

SOUTH BEND POLITICIAN SHOT TO DEATH

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) SOUTH BEND, Ind., Dec. 23.—Dallas Anderson, 33, local politician, was shot and almost instantly killed today by Mac K. Ateo, it is alleged, following a quarrel over the affections of Mrs. Emma Emerick, coming house keeper. The feud is said to be of long standing.

Ateo is said to have told the police he had been drinking "white mule" before returning to the Emerick home in ugly mood. The woman, her three children and two boarders were in the room in which the shooting occurred. After firing four shots into Anderson's body, it was said, Ateo calmly emptied the gun and reloaded it. Mrs. Emerick wrested the weapon from him before he was taken by the police.

Anderson, a prominent republican worker, is said to have been campaigning for George Beyer, candidate for mayor, with the understanding he was to become chief of police. Ateo, who is 26 years old, came from Bottonville, Ohio.

CHRISTMAS PARDONS WILL BE FEW

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—President Wilson will not grant any large number of Christmas pardons. It was stated at the White House today.

The president may grant a few routine pardons before Christmas, but there are no pardon recommendations of any importance before him at present, the White House announced.

There was no indication of any action on a pardon for Eugene V. Debs before Christmas.

KRIST MUST STAY IN JAIL

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 23.—The pardon board recommended a refusal of clemency to Charles Krist, Lake county, sentenced 2 to 24 years for enticing woman to immoral houses.

### Need of Improvement is Seen As Hundreds Wait in Storm For Trains to Pass

The proposed pedestrian subway under the railroad tracks on State street, has suddenly become one of Hammond's most absorbing topics of conversation. Whenever men gather the subject is discussed and the general feeling is that the city should put the job over as soon as possible.

The disagreeable weather of yesterday when rain fell continuously and snow and slush covered the streets after supper, brought the need of the subway home to hundreds of people who were forced to wait at the crossings with long trains were passing.

"There is nothing new about the proposition," said Mayor Homan today, who is one of the sponsors of the present plan. "The matter was brought up a long time ago, but cost of construction and lack of funds on the part of the city have made it useless to consider the matter until recently. The city engineer, members of the board of works and myself, took it up again about four months ago, but there was no possibility of starting work before the first of the year."

Hammond needs a subway at that place and it should be put through if the cost of construction and maintenance are not prohibitive. "Several difficulties present themselves which will add to the costs and may delay the proposition. We have several plans under consideration, but the one which now seems most feasible is for pedestrians only, with the addition of underground rest rooms."

Attorney James Wilson, president of the Chamber of Commerce considers it a very necessary civic improvement. "The subject was brought up at the Chamber of Commerce over a year ago," he said, "and seemed to meet with hearty approval. While no official action was taken urging the construction of the subway, the impracticability of the traffic congestion prevalent at that street should be relieved in some way. At the same time we also talked of a similar underground crossing at the Erie tracks on Highland street for the benefit of the pupils of the Industrial high school."

T. R. Tennant, member of the board of education and president of the Rotary club, believes that if the city can afford to do so, an escalator of moving stairs should be included in the subway plans in order to do away with the incline of stairs which would be a source of danger in bad weather.

"I like that idea of rest rooms for the public too," said Mr. Tennant today. "Comfort stations would be a wonderful provision for the city needs public rest rooms badly. I am in favor of the scheme if for no other reason than the rest rooms."

"As a temporary expedient," he added, "if the gas subway plan is a good idea, but we must not let such plan take our attention from the great need for elevation of all railroad tracks. That is the great improvement which must take place in order for Hammond to hold her own and any subway schemes must be considered as only temporary and must not be allowed to hinder elevation."

WITHDRAW PETITIONS WITH RIGHT TO REFILE

Public Service Commission Dismisses Gas Petitions in Three States

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 23.—The public service commission today dismissed petitions of the Northern Indiana Gas and Electric Co. for increases in gas rates at Logansport and Wabash and the Peru Gas Co. for an increase at Peru, on motion of the petitioners.

The opinion of Commissioner Haynes is identical in each case, it being stated that the gas companies represent that since the filing of the petitions for increases, representatives of the companies have been in conference with citizens and civic associations in the cities affected and it appears to be the sentiment of the people that white recognition of the extraordinary costs under which the companies have been forced to operate, the present rates should not be increased but any losses should be met by a further continuance of the rates for a "reasonable" period after the advent of lower costs which the people assume to be imminent.

The petitioners, Commissioner Haynes sets out states that in view of the sentiment and notwithstanding the heavy losses incurred and in the belief that there should not be a marked increase in the price of commodities, the petitioners have agreed with the people of the three cities to forego their right to refile in event of emergency.

DETROIT BOMB EXPLOSION TODAY

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 23.—Two suspects are under arrest in connection with a bomb explosion which completely demolished one home and damaged two others today. Nathan Goldman, occupant of the wrecked building, and recipient of several blank-hand letters, was severely injured about the head and shoulders. Police believe the explosion to have resulted from a business feud.

DR. DICKEY DROPS DEAD

DAYTONA, Fla., Dec. 23.—Dr. Solomon C. Dickey, director of Thona Lake, Ind., assembly summer school, noted prohibitionist, and former president of Albion college, Mich., dropped dead at his Deland winter residence last night after a day of golf. Dr. Dickey founded the Winona religious assembly in 1882.